



June 5, 2008

Margo Reid Brown
Chairperson
California Integrated Waste Management Board
1001 I Street
25th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95812

RE: SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL COMBINED PERMIT

Dear Chairwoman Brown:

The benefits of combining the two redundant landfills at Sunshine Canyon in Los Angeles are clear: less pollution, less traffic, access to fully permitted capacity, and stable disposal fees.

Regrettably, however, the City and County of Los Angeles have not been able to complete a deal that would provide for the management of a joint landfill and now it appears likely that, without a solid waste facility permit from the Integrated Waste Management Board, the City-side landfill will reach capacity this summer. Once that happens, the landfill will have to build out a new operating face or turn away trash at the gate, forcing it to be trucked to distant landfills. Neither is a good option.

It is not surprising that the City and County governments have not completed their negotiations—these kinds of talks take time. However, it would be shortsighted to shelve all of the benefits of a joint landfill until the final deal points are agreed upon by the City and County.

The CIWMB can effect the combination of the two landfills while a deal is being finalized by the City and County and, in so doing, realize all of the benefits of a joint landfill without necessitating the diversion of trash to other landfills (a scenario fraught with environmental, traffic, and cost implications).

I urge you to give the application for a consolidated landfill at Sunshine Canyon your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Owen Guenthard', written over a circular stamp.

Owen Guenthard
Alhambra Chamber of Commerce